

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Present Application:**

Applicant : Nathan R. Brown  
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 Filed : Concurrently herewith  
 Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL  
 PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES WITH A  
 CARRIER AND MEMBRANE

**Prior Application:**

Examiner : Sean Smith  
 Art Unit : 3729  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box Patent Application  
 Commissioner of Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field"  
 as follows:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional of pending United States Patent Application  
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